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1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL INTERVENTION WITH MFA CONCERNING OFFICER OF UNCONDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS BY THE GKR.

2. IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET QUERY ABOUT MECHANICS OF A SOLUTION, IT IS FOR THAT VERY REASON THAT GKR HAS OFFERED UNCONDITIONAL TALKS IN ORDER TO GET VIEWS OF THE OTHER SIDE. THUS FAR INSURGENTS (AS HAS GKR) HAVE REJECTED ANY SOLUTION THAT INTIMATES DE FACTO OR DE JURE PARTITION OF COUNTRY. MODALITIES OF SETTLEMENT THEREFORE VERY TRICKY AND REQUIRE A DIALOGUE THAT CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A VACUUM. ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT FACETS NEW GKR OFFER LIES IN FACT THAT QUESTIONS OF CEASEFIRE AND FUTURE OF COUNTRY WOULD PROCEED FROM NEGOTIATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT, IN ANY CASE, A CAMBODIAN SETTLEMENT WILL BE SUI GENERIS AND NOT NECESSARILY LIKE THOSE IN LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT SOVIETS HAVE STATED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT THERE SHOULD BE A POLITICAL SOLUTION. WE HOPE THEY WILL COME TO SAME CONCLUSION WE HAVE THAT DESPITE

DIREST PREDICTIONS IN THE PAST, A MILITARY STALEMATE HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND IMMEDIATE SURVIVAL OF THE GKR IS NO LONGER A QUESTION. INGERSOLL

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